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HOME, PRISON AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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No. 10/CBI-607/2019- 6710 -- Whereas altogether 9 Public Interest Litigation Petitions were moved to Hon'ble Patna High Court with the prayer to entrustment of these cases, popularly known as "Fodder Scam Cases of Bihar" to CBI. Hon'ble Patna High Court vide its order dated 11.03.1996 granted the relief prayed for and directed the Director, CBI to take up the investigation. Aggrieved by this order of Hon'ble Patna High Court the State Government of Bihar moved Civil Appeal No.5177 of 1996 and 5178-83 of 1996 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 19.03.1996 upheld the order of Hon'ble Patna High Court. As per the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court, CBI took up the investigation of 41 cases already registered by the State Police. Subsequently 23 cases were registered on the basis of SIRs and complaints received later which is inclusive of 13 DA Cases registered against the public servants involved in scam cases in compliance with the direction of The Hon'ble Monitoring Bench of Patna High Court.

2. And whereas consequent upon bifurcation of the state in the year 2000, 53 out of 60 charge sheeted cases were transferred to the 07 (seven) Special Courts of Ranchi for trial under the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the year 2001 and remaining 07 cases remained under trial in the Special Court at Patna.

3. And whereas out of 53 Cases under trial at Ranchi, 51 Cases have since been disposed of from trial and all ended in conviction and trial of remaining 02 Cases are at advance stage in two special courts at Ranchi.

4. And whereas investigation of Fodder Scam Cases disclosed that accused Shyam Bihari Sinha was instrumental in fabrication of allotment letters for more than Rs.726 Crores to facilitate the alleged illegal withdrawals from different Districts Treasuries of erstwhile State of Bihar now Jharkhand during the period between 1981 and 1996.

5. And whereas details of cases wherein involvement of accused Shyam Bihari Sinha surfaced are as under:

| Sl. No | FIR No. | Date of FIR | Date filing Charge sheet | Date of cognizance |
|--------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | 20(A)/96-Pat | 27.03.1996 | 23.06.1997 | 23.07.1997 |
| 2. | 21(A)/96-Pat | 27.03.1996 | 24.12.1997 | 02.01.1998 |
| 3. | 22(A)/96-Pat | 27.03.1996 | 25.02.1999 | 27.02.1999 |
| 4. | 25(A)/96-Pat | 28.03.1996 | 11.08.1997 | 11.08.1997 |
| 5. | 26(A)/96-Pat | 28.03.1996 | 30.11.1996 | 02.01.1997 |
| 6. | 27(A)/96-Pat | 28.03.1996 | 10.04.1997 | 15.07.1997 |
| 7. | 28(A)/96-Pat | 28.03.1996 | 30.11.1996 | 09.12.1997 |
| 8. | 29(A)/96-Pat | 29.03.1996 | 10.04.1997 | 28.07.1997 |
| 9. | 32(A)/96-Pat | 29.03.1996 | 30.09.1997 | 18.12.1997 |
| 10. | 33(A)/96-Pat | 04.04.1996 | 26.03.1997 | 09.01.1998 |
| 11. | 55(A)/96-Pat | 17.04.1996 | 20.01.1998 | 23.01.1998 |
| 12. | 56(A)/96-Pat | 19.04.1996 | 25.01.1998 | 23.02.1998 |
| 13. | 57(A)/96-Pat | 19.04.1996 | 12.10.1999 | 12.10.1999 |
| 14. | 58(A)/96-Pat | 19.04.1996 | 05.09.1999 | 07.09.1999 |
| 15. | 64(A)/96-Pat | 15.05.1996 | 28.10.1997 | 02.07.1998 |
| 16. | 77(A)/96-Pat | 28.11.1996 | 29.03.1998 | 01.04.1998 |

6. And whereas in addition to the aforesaid, involvement of accused Shyam Bihari Sinha also surfaced in other 25 cases, however, charge sheet could not be filed on account of his death on 25.10.1999 and trial against him awaited.

7. And whereas investigation also disclosed involvement of Ravi Sinha, S/o accused Dr. Shyam Bihari Sinha as supplier having received illegal payments from Dumka Treasury and upon conclusion of trial the petitioner Ravi Sinha was convicted and sentenced for 05 years of RI and fine of Rs. 50,000/- in fodder scam case RC-39(A)/96-Pat on 12.06.2008 by the Ld. Special Judge-VII, Fodder Scam Cases, Ranchi.

8. And whereas accused Ravi Sinha is also facing trial for similar charges in another Fodder Scam Case RC-68(A)/96-Pat is at advance stage.

9. And whereas during investigation of the case cash, gold bonds and fixed deposits of some of the accused persons were discovered and seized.

10. And whereas the details of Gold Bonds at RBI, Kolkata belonging to the family members of accused Dr. S.B.Sinha discovered during investigation are as under:-

| Sl. No. | Name | Wt. of Gold Rendered | Provisional receipt No. and date |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Alok Kumar Sinha | 4885.000 Gms | RBCA-270 dated 11.07.94 |
| 2. | Ritu Sinha | 3692.000 Gms | RBCA-333 dated 11.07.94 |
| 3. | Ritu Sinha | 1400.000 Gms | RBCA-350 dated 11.07.94 |
| 4. | Alok Kumar Sinha | 2217.000 Gms | RBCA-355 dated 11.07.94 |
| 5. | Avi Sinha | 3033.500 Gms | RBCA-388 dated 02.01.96 |
| 6. | Pratik Shankar Dayal (Minor) | 1050.000 Gms | RBCA-386 dated 02.01.96 |
| 7. | Pranay Shankar Dayal | 3032.000 Gms | RBCA-408 dated 01.07.94 |
| 8. | Shushma Dayal | 3214.000 Gms | RBCA-829 dated 11.07.94 |
| 9. | Sushma Dayal | 1750.000 Gms | RBCA-869 dated 11.07.94 |
| 10. | Ranjana Sahay | 3069.000 Gms | RBCA-1166 dated 11.07.96 |
| 11. | Navneet Sahai (Minor) | 1068.500 Gms | RBCA-1293 dated 02.01.96 |
| 12. | Puja Sahay (Minor) | 1049.500 Gms | RBCA-1352 dated 02.01.96 |
| 13. | Prakash Kr.Sahay | 2086.00 Gms | RBCA-1531 dated 01.07.94 |
| Total:-31546.5 Gms | | | |

11. And whereas during investigation and or during trial of the case the amount of Rs.2.48 crores seized from accused Dr.SB Sinha has not been claimed by him or by any other persons so far.

12. And whereas upon conclusion of the trial of Fodder Scam Case RC-20(A)/96-Pat Ld. Special Judge-IV, Fodder Scam Cases Ranchi in the final order and judgement, inter-alia mentioned **"In this case huge seizure have been said to be made by the CBI from different accused persons. Some of the accused persons such as A-6 and others are not claiming over the cash said to be seized from their possession. Fixed deposit receipts in the name of A-3 and A-4 and others have been seized by CBI, these persons are not claiming over the amount. Gold Bonds from A-7 and others have been seized by the CBI and they are not claiming over the property. In the above such cases the CBI is directed to deposit the cash, maturity proceeds of the Fixed Deposits and the proceeds of the Gold Bonds in the State Treasury within 8 weeks of this order. Some of the accused persons are claiming over the gold bonds and cash etc., the CBI is directed to bring proceeding under Criminal Law Amendment Act for confiscation of such property"**.

13. And whereas following orders aforesaid CBI lodged a petition to call upon the authorities of State Government of Jharkhand to nominate the officer to receive the payment of Rs.2.48 crores with interest accrued on cash deposit aforesaid and also the maturity proceeds of gold bonds as mentioned in the foregoing paragraph to appropriate the amount in the state exchequer of Jharkhand.

14. And whereas after adjudication on the petition aforesaid, Ld. Special Judge -IV, Fodder Scam Cases, Ranchi vide order dated 16.06.2017 asked CBI to file application under Section 3 of Criminal Law Amendment (Ordinance), 1944, so that opposite parties i.e. name lender family members would be issued notice to explain their claim on the properties sought to be appropriated in favour of the State Government of Jharkhand.

15. And whereas evidence brought on record confirming the commission of offences of criminal conspiracy, cheating, misappropriation and criminal misconduct, schedule offences under Criminal Law Amendments Ordinance, 1944 on the part of accused Shyam Bihari Sinha and accused Ravi Sinha have come to fore in view of several convictions and sentences.

16. And whereas the Govt. of Jharkhand having fully considered the material before it in regard to the allegations and circumstances of the cases believe that said persons have procured the properties detailed above by means of offences aforesaid.

17. Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 3 of Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944 (Ordinance 38 of 1944 the Govt. of Jharkhand hereby authorizes Shri Dasrath Murmoo, Dy. Superintendent of Police, Special Police Establishment, Economic Offences Branch of Central Bureau of Investigation, Ranchi to make an application before the Judicial Commissioner, Ranchi for attachment of properties detailed in the paragraphs above acquired by the accused persons in the names of his family members and relatives by commission of the aforesaid offences.

By the order of Governor of Jharkhand,

Sukhdev Singh,
Additional Chief Secretary.
